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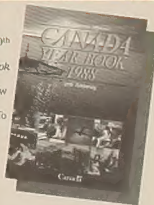


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Note: Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

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Retail Trade, 1985 (\$ millions)

Kind of Business	Value	%
Automotive	44,086.4	34.1
Food	32,257.1	24.9
General merchandise	17,987.1	13.9
Clothing	8,345.4	6.4
Hardware and home furnishings	8,012.3	6.2
Other	18,748.1	14.5
Total	129,446.3	100.0

Retail sales in 1985 were up 11.5% over 1984.

Labour Force Activity (annual averages)

	1981	1986	% change
Labour Force	11,904,000	12,870,000	8.1
Males	7,053,000	7,347,000	4.2
Females	4,851,000	5,523,000	13.9
Employed	11,006,000	11,634,000	5.7
Males	6,559,000	6,657,000	1.5
Females	4,447,000	4,977,000	11.9
Unemployed	898,000	1,236,000	37.6
Males	494,000	690,000	39.5
Females	404,000	546,000	35.2
Unemployment rate (%)	7.5	9.6	
Males	7.0	9.4	
Females	8.3	9.9	

Consumer Price Index (1981=100)



Level	% change
1984	122.3
1985	127.2
1986	132.4

In December 1986, the purchasing power of the 1981 dollar was 74.1 cents.

Average Income

	1981	1985	% change
Families	30,440	38,059	25.0
Unattached individuals	13,335	16,729	23.6

Urban vs. Rural



	1931	1956	1981
Urban	54	67	76
Rural: Farm	31	16	4
Rural: Non-farm	15	17	20

International Trade (\$ millions, customs basis)

	1983	1984	1985
Exports	90,612.5	112,383.6	119,241.3
Imports	75,520.0	95,460.0	104,914.2
Balance	15,092.5	16,923.6	14,327.1

Major Trading Partners, 1985 (\$ millions)

Exports	Value	%
United States	92,986.7	78.0
Japan	5,775.3	4.8
United Kingdom	2,386.5	2.0
USSR	1,611.7	1.4
China	1,277.8	1.1
All countries	119,241.3	100.0

Imports	Value	%
United States	74,377.0	70.9
Japan	6,113.4	5.8
United Kingdom	3,281.7	3.1
West Germany	2,716.3	2.8
South Korea	1,607.0	1.5
All countries	104,914.2	100.0

Gross Domestic Product at Market Prices (constant 1981, \$ millions)

	Value	% change
1983	354,780	3.1
1984	374,462	5.5
1985	389,324	4.0

In current dollars, GDP was \$476,361 million in 1985.

Area

Canada is the largest country in the Western Hemisphere and the second largest in the world. Its area covers 9 970 610 km², of which 92% is land and 8% is freshwater.

Family Size

Average family size in Canada dropped to 3.1 persons in 1986 from 3.5 in 1976; the average number of children per family dropped from 1.6 to 1.3.



Age Groups (population)

	June 1981	June 1986 ¹	% change
0-14	5 481 110	5 391 065	-1.6
15-44	11 843 035	12 346 250	4.2
45-64	4 858 065	4 373 535	4.6
65+	2 360 975	2 697 575	14.3

¹ Excludes population of one or more incompletely enumerated Indian reserves or Indian settlements.

Ethnic Origin, 1981

	Number	%
British	9 674 200	40.2
French	6 439 100	26.7
German	1 142 400	4.7
Italian	748 000	3.1
Ukrainian	529 600	2.2
Other	5 550 200	23.0
Total population	24 083 500	100.0

Religion, 1981

	Number	%
Catholic	11 402 600	47.3
Protestant (total)	9 914 600	41.2
United Church	3 758 000	15.6
Anglican	2 436 400	10.1
Other	3 720 200	15.4
Eastern Orthodox	361 600	1.5
Jewish	296 400	1.2
Eastern Non-Christian	305 900	1.3
No religious preference	1 783 500	7.4
Total population	24 083 500	100.0

Population

	June 1981	June 1986 ¹	% change
Total	24,343,180	25,369,330	4.0
Male	12,068,290	12,485,650	3.5
Female	12,274,895	12,823,680	4.5

¹ Excludes population of one or more incompletely enumerated Indian reserves or Indian settlements.

Provinces and Territories (population)

	June 1981	June 1986	% change
Newfoundland	567,681	568,349	0.1
Prince Edward Island	122,506	126,646	3.4
Nova Scotia	847,442	873,199	3.0
New Brunswick	696,403	710,422	2.0
Quebec	6 438 403	6 540 276	1.6
Ontario	8 625 107	9 113 515	5.7
Manitoba	1 026 241	1 071 232	4.4
Saskatchewan	969 313	1 010 190	4.3
Alberta	2 237 724	2 375 276	6.1
British Columbia	2 744 487	2 869 207	5.3
Yukon	23 153	23 504	1.5
Northwest Territories	45 741	52 238	14.2

Marital Status, 1986¹ (population age 15+)

	Number	%
Single	5 425 290	27.2
Married	12 551 200	63.0
Widowed	1 250 395	6.3
Divorced	690 490	3.5
Total (age 15+)	19 917 365	100.0

¹ Excludes population of one or more incompletely enumerated Indian reserves or Indian settlements.

Major Metropolitan Areas (population)

	June 1981	June 1986	% change
Toronto	3 130 392	3 427 168	9.5
Montreal	2 862 286	2 921 357 ¹	2.1
Vancouver	1 268 183	1 380 729	8.9
Ottawa-Hull	743 821	819 263	10.1
Edmonton	740 882	785 465 ¹	6.0
Calgary	625 966	671 326 ¹	7.2
Winnipeg	592 061	625 304	5.6
Quebec	583 820	603 267	3.3
Hamilton	542 095	557 029	2.8
St. Catharines-Niagara	342 645	343 258	0.2

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